

REMARKS

All the claims have been canceled and replaced with new Claims 17-24. Claim 17 is supported by original Claims 1 and 15, and the specification at pages 27-29. Claims 18 and 19 are supported in the specification at page 8, last line to page 9, line 11. Claim 20 is supported by original Claim 10. Claim 21 is supported by originals Claims 3 and 16. Claim 22 is supported by original Claim 5. Claim 23 is supported by original Claim 6. Claim 24 is supported by original Claim 10.


No new matter has been added. Claims 17-24 are now pending in the application.

In a telephone conversation between Examiner Nordmeyer, who was assigned to parent application No. 09/867,629, and the undersigned attorney, on April 1, 2004, the Examiner was queried whether the newly-submitted claims herein would be entered, if filed in the parent application, or held to be constructively non-elected as not included with the original claims. The Examiner responded that the claims would be held to be constructively non-elected. Hence, this divisional application was filed.

The application is now ripe for examination on the merits. An early examination is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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